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Re: Oregon State Sheriff's Association Award – Life Saving Award

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On December 16, 2020 Klamath County Sheriff Chris Kaber & Klamath County Commissioner Derrick DeGroot presented Oregon State Sheriff's Association Life Saving Award to Klamath County Sheriff's Office Corrections Employees, Corporal Daniel Saltenberger, Deputy Ryan Hampson, Deputy Patrick Snider, and Deputy Rollie Knaggs.

On December 11, 2019, Deputy Knaggs was working in A-pod of the Klamath County Jail. At approximately 2100 hours, an adult in custody attempted to harm or kill himself using a bedsheet. Deputy Knaggs saw this and called for backup.

Deputies Hampson, Snider, and Corporal Saltenberger responded to the call for backup. As they entered the section Deputies Hampson, Snider, and Knaggs attempted communication with the adult in custody in an effort to talk him back to safety. Corporal Saltenberger made contact with the adult in custody, pinning his arm through a railing and preventing the subject from falling.

Deputies worked to remove the sheet and lower the adult in custody to the lower level where they moved the adult in custody to a suicide prevention protocol. The adult in custody was later seen by Klamath Basin Behavioral Health and treated for underlying mental health issues.

Without the actions of Corporal Saltenberger, Deputy Hampson, Deputy Snider, and Deputy Knaggs the adult in custody may have succeeded in harming themselves and not received the treatment they needed.



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(L to R) Sheriff Chris Kaber, Corporal Daniel Saltenberger, Deputy Ryan Hampson, Deputy Patrick Snider, Deputy Rollie Knaggs, Commissioner Derrick DeGroot
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